

REMARKS

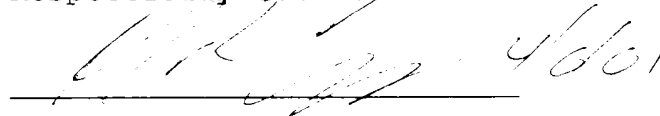
This preliminary amendment places the application in a better condition for examination. The Applicant(s) respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

New Claim 25 is similar to allowed claim 1 of the parent application, with the following changes. The preamble language directed to the range of voltages input has been deleted and the output of the power factor correcting converter is provided to an output circuit. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are patentable. Support for providing the converter output to an output circuit is provided at page 13, lines 5-11 of the specification.

Various dependent claims describe the output circuit as an inverter. Support for having an inverter as the output circuit is provided at page 13, line 9-11. New Figure 6 shows the system with an inverter output circuit as described on page 13, lines 9-11, which has been amended to refer to Figure 6.

The remaining independent generally have a limitation directed to power factor correcting and providing a welding or cutting output.

Respectfully Submitted



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Amendments:

On line 1 of the cross-reference to related application section, following "This is" insert ~~√~~ a continuation of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/200,058, filed November 25, 1998, entitled Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A Welding Power Source, which is ~~√~~--

Please cancel claim(s) 1-24 of the application as filed prior to calculating the filing fee.

A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

Assignment**Copendency of Prior Application:**

The prior application is presently pending.

Power of Attorney:

The Power of Attorney in the grandparent application was changed to the undersigned and a copy of the New Power of Attorney is enclosed.